

Today's News - July 30, 2003

2008 Olympics: first the "bird's nest" stadium, now a "Watercube" swim center (worth a trip to www.ptw.com.au to see renderings). – An African-American cultural center in Pittsburgh designed by an African-American (and female!) architect (a ground-breaking event before the groundbreaking). – Japan takes solar power seriously. – In India, it's build-build-build, with not much attention to (or budgets for) preservation or cutting-edge architectural software (a touch of irony?). – The state of architecture in Chicago, and the city's flower-power mayor. – Columbia University expanding its real estate horizons. – Lessons to be learned: "if planners can't even recognise a patently vile shopping centre when they see one, how can they possibly assess the merits and demerits of school design?" – Thames Gateway: "mini-Canary Wharfs" or "new housing gulags"...isolated, boring, and a nesting ground for future disaffected teenagers." – The Bilbao effect works for Bard opera set - but "the building that houses it is more interesting than what's on stage." – Faux-Frey and faux-Deco replace the real things in California and Delaware. - Two iconoclasts make their marks.

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[With Sun on Roof, More Yen in the Pocket: Japan has become the world's largest market for solar energy-](#) New York Times

[New Masterplan: Build, build, build...taller buildings. "Delhi will be ruined".-](#) Indian Express (Bombay)

[Conservation Low On National Agenda; Tech On Backburner: using IT tools in the conservation process is not common in India-](#) Financial Express (India)

[Interview: 'The Role Of Infotech In Indian Conservation Projects Minimal' Abha Narain Lambah, a leading conservation architect-](#) Financial Express (India)

[The State of Architecture in Chicago with Blair Kamin/Chicago Tribune and Ned Cramer/Chicago Architecture Foundation: comments from Helmut Jahn, Donna Robertson, Brad Lynch, Doug Garofalo, Patricia Saldana-Natke, John Vinci, and Stanley Tigerman-](#) Chicago Public Radio

[The Greening of Chicago: The City Beautiful movement is flourishing where it was born in 1893. In Chicago, Mayor Daley says, 'Flowers calm people down'-](#) Newsweek

[Feeling Squeezed, Columbia Is Amassing Land for a New Campus-](#) New York Times

[Top of its class: Heartened by an innovatively designed new primary school in London, Jay Merrick wonders why it can't serve as a model of its type - Alford Hall Monaghan Morris-](#) Independent (UK)

[London's big push east for 120,000 homes: Thames gateway corridor to include new growth zones, described by one key developer as "mini-Canary Wharfs"-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Taking the yellow-brick road to subtopia: Thames Gateway...new housing gulags...cynically designed and unimaginatively built. By Jonathan Glancey-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Betting on the Bilbao effect: Everyone's trying to capture the tourist eye with the lure of a Frank Gehry building...Bard's intent was probably purer than the many cities around the world By Simon Houpt-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Faux-Frey: A supermarket designed in the style of the famous architect opens on the site where one of his works was torn down \[images\]-](#) Press-Enterprise (California)

[Landmark Cadillac dealership to get a contemporary facelift: For art historians...it's a sad day. - Massena and du Pont; Buck Simpers Architect + Associates \[images\]-](#) The News Journal (Delaware)

[Pattern Recognition: "The Nature of Order"...Christopher Alexander, an architect...is something of a prophet without honor in his own profession.-](#) New York Times

[Life ahead of the curve: The world is finally catching on to iconoclastic architect Dan Liebermann's way of building \[images\]-](#) San Francisco Chronicle

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